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Evaluate:

$$\text{a) } \lim_{x \rightarrow -7} \frac{x^2 + 10x + 21}{x^2 - 49}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -7} \frac{(x+7)(x+3)}{(x+7)(x-7)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -7} \frac{x+3}{x-7}$$

$$= \frac{-4}{-14}$$

$$= \frac{2}{7}$$

$$\text{b) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 + 8x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(x-3)}{x(x+8)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x-3}{x+8}$$

$$= \frac{-3}{8}$$